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Congressman Theodore Kupferman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Kupferman,

As much as anyone can be with such a subject, I am pleased that you plan to ask for a Congressional inquiry into the Kennedy assassination and its official investigation, as reported in yesterday's New York Times. More than others this interests me because I am the author of the first of the books on the Warren Report. It alone among these books demands what you plan. I hope you can include a provision requiring that every meeting and act of this group, if it is established, be completely in public. This also my book WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT demands.

Had the press been at all the sessions of the Commission, to a degree it could have filled the function of adversary in addition to its usual responsibilities. The absence of opposing counsel, the unrelieved star-chamber character of the proceedings and the lack of access to the witnesses and their testimony - and the interrogations - made such a monstrous miscarriage possible.

If you are not familiar with my book, it is not alone an author's pride that prompts the suggestion you will find that, although it is the first, having been completed in mid-February 1965 and published in a limited edition that summer, it is today still the most complete, lacking nothing from the record that is vital and in any of the others, including more than all together have, and alone being restricted entirely to the Commission's record. I also see to it that a Member of the House Judiciary Committee had access to it in manuscript and that several Members of both Judiciary Committees got copies this past May.

Having been the first of the first wave, I think I am also the first of the second wave, for I believe it is important for our people to understand how such a thing could have happened with men of such indubitable integrity serving as the members of the Commission. To this end I have completed the rough draft of a sequel tentatively entitled WHITEWASH II: THE FIX IT. Here, I think, I make clear how such men could have arrived at their dubious conclusions, again entirely from the official record. While I do not have sufficient copies of this manuscript to make one available to you, I will be anxious, should you so desire, to make one available for Xeroxing, asking only the preservation of my property rights in it. And if the means, I'd offer to make copies for you. Mine is the book that broke the ice and met all the publishers' fears and resistance. I had to print it privately. Hence, although the book is quite a success, I am, until the sums due me come in, without funds and generously supplied with debts! I will, however, do everything I can to help you in any way. This includes access to all my notes and documentation.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg